

MCPS Reexamines Boundary Study to Explore the Reassignment of Students from Somerset Elementary School to Westbrook Elementary School

- Five Proposed Options; Online Survey Ends February 16 -

Last winter, we informed the community that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) had [determined](#) that Somerset Elementary School is over capacity and the school system had begun a boundary study process in an effort to relieve the capacity pressure by reassigning students to Westbrook Elementary, located west of River Road and south of Little Falls Parkway. Last November, the Board of Education [authorized](#) expanding the study to include Bethesda Elementary School, which is also operating over capacity.

Last week, MCPS staff presented information regarding the current capacity concerns at Somerset and Bethesda Elementary Schools along with five options for the reassignment of students to relieve the capacity pressure by transferring some of the school's feeder zones to Westbrook. The presentation can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWaScgl5S_Y&feature=youtu.be. Any reassignments would begin after improvements are completed at Westbrook Elementary, which is slated to be completed in September 2023.

Five reassignment options were presented. **Option 1** would **reassign a portion of Chevy Chase Village to Westbrook Elementary**. This includes homes west of Cedar Parkway between Oliver Street (to the north) and Western Avenue (to the south). Only homes located west of Cedar Parkway along West Lenox, Grafton, and Hesketh Streets would remain assigned to Somerset Elementary School under Option 1.

The remaining proposed options would not impact the current assignment of students within the Village: options 2-5 would have no impact on Village households (those currently assigned to Somerset Elementary School would maintain their current school assignment).

Residents—regardless of whether you currently have a student in MCPS—are encouraged to respond to the survey at <https://mcpsweb.wufoo.com/forms/w1dfd1hx1lm1akz/>. After reviewing responses to this survey, MCPS will determine whether to present an additional round of options.

The **deadline** for responses is **Tuesday, February 16 at 11:59 p.m.**

Anyone interested in this matter is encouraged to visit the boundary study page at: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/BethesdaSomersetWestbrookBoundaryStudy.aspx> for more information.